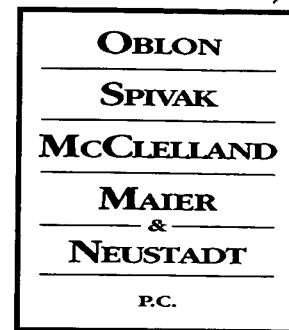




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In response to the Official Action of July 29, 2003, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 1-3, drawn to a prolylendopeptidase-inhibitive agent comprising an extract of a cereal grain as an active component.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.